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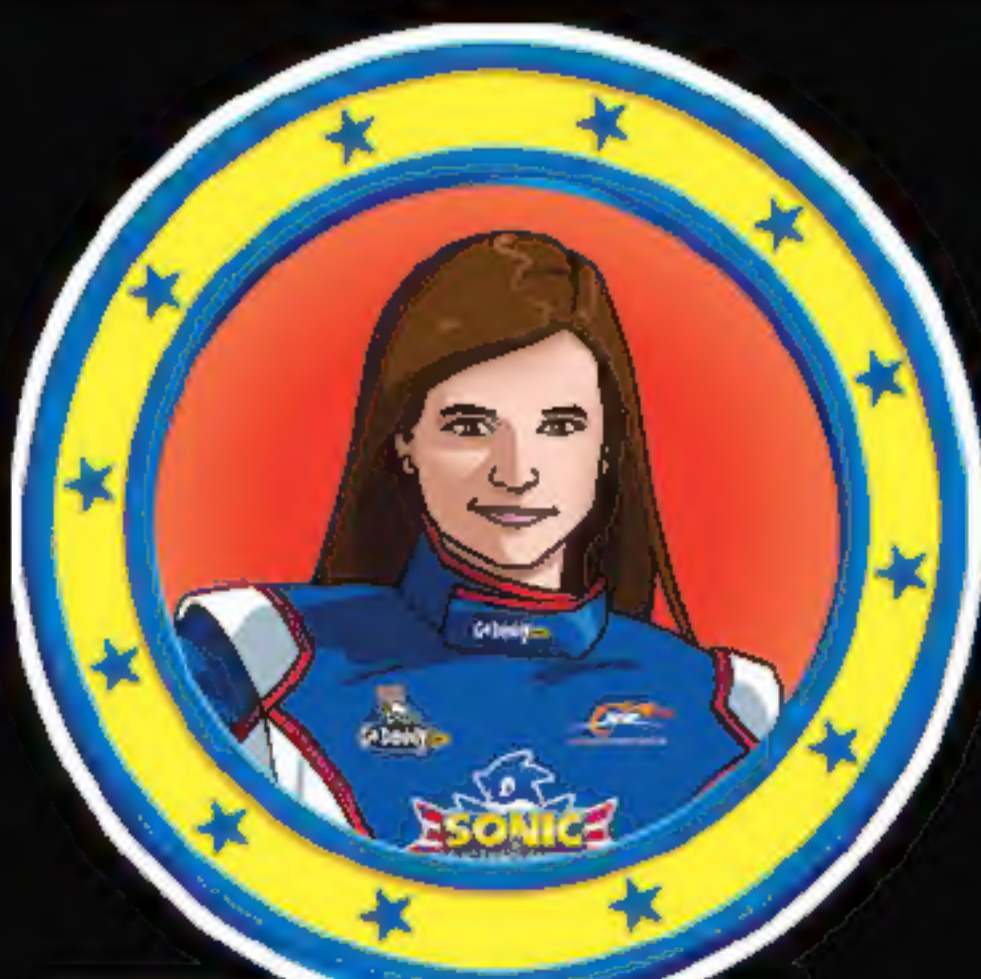
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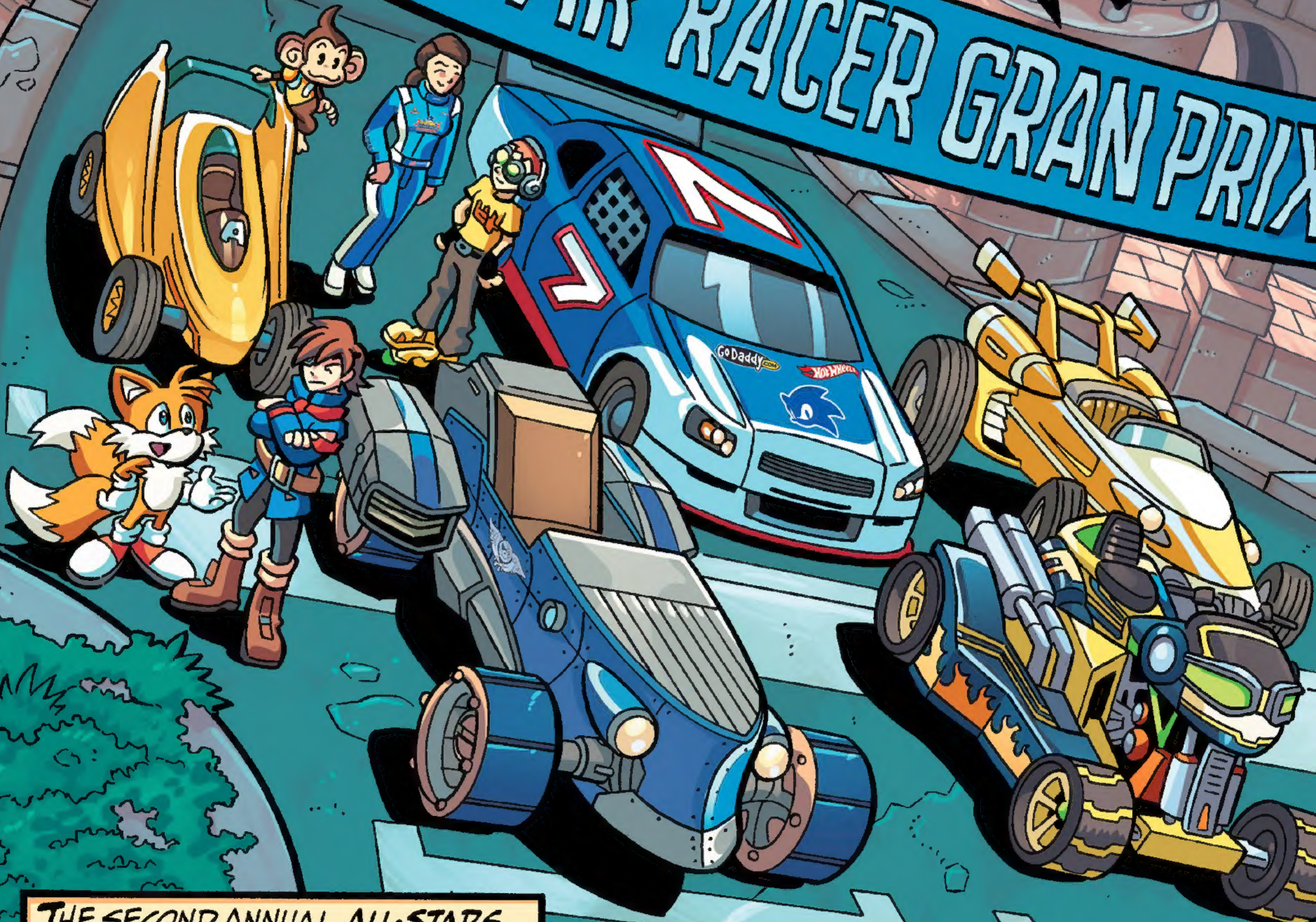
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# RACING FOR THE STARS

IN ANOTHER TIME, ANOTHER PLACE...

# ALL STAR RACER GRAN PRIX



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I'M SO EXCITED!  
I HAD SO MUCH  
FUN LAST TIME!  
EEK! EEK!

YEAH, LAST  
YEAR'S RACES  
WERE PRETTY  
TIGHT!

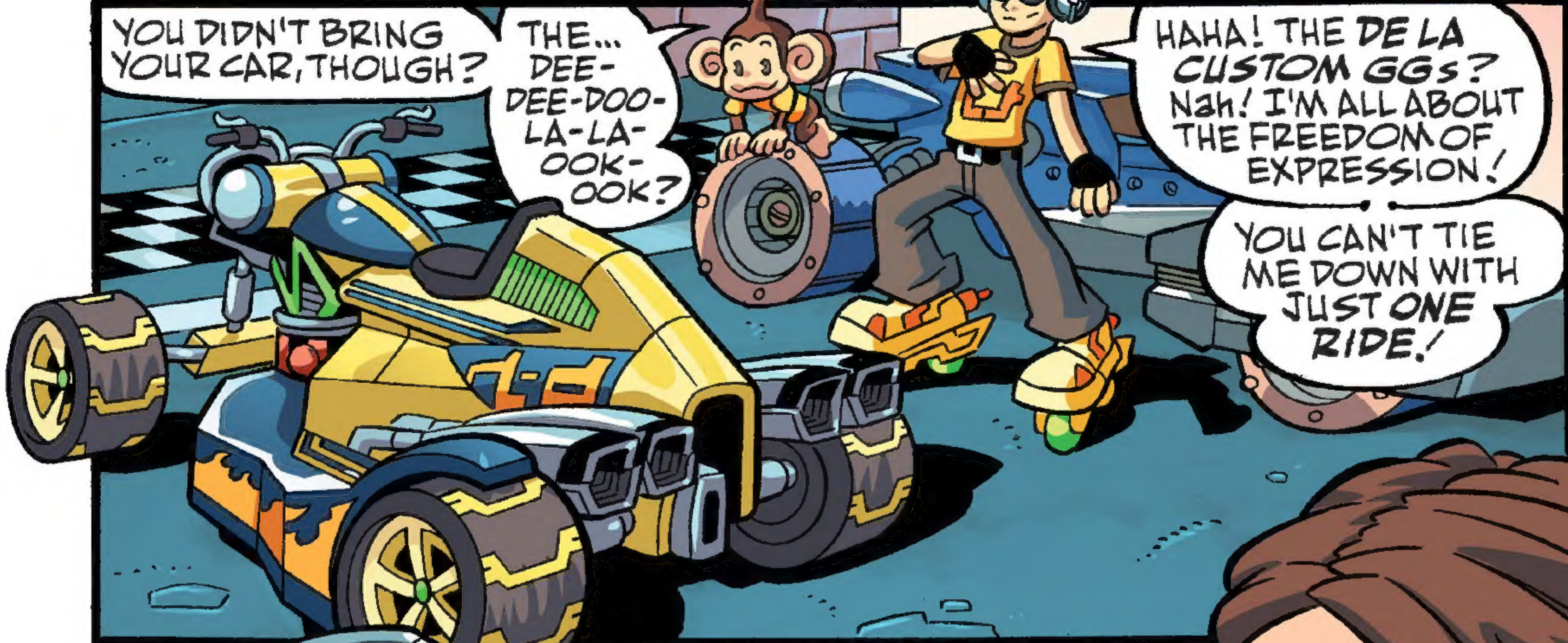


YOU DIDN'T BRING  
YOUR CAR, THOUGH?

THE...  
DEE-  
DEE-DOO-  
LA-LA-  
OOK-  
OOK?

HAHA! THE DE LA  
CUSTOM GGS?  
Nah! I'M ALL ABOUT  
THE FREEDOM OF  
EXPRESSION!

YOU CAN'T TIE  
ME DOWN WITH  
JUST ONE  
RIDE!



HOW ABOUT YOU,  
ROOKIE? THINK  
YOU'LL KEEP UP?

I'VE BEEN RACING  
SINCE I WAS TEN,  
KIDDO.

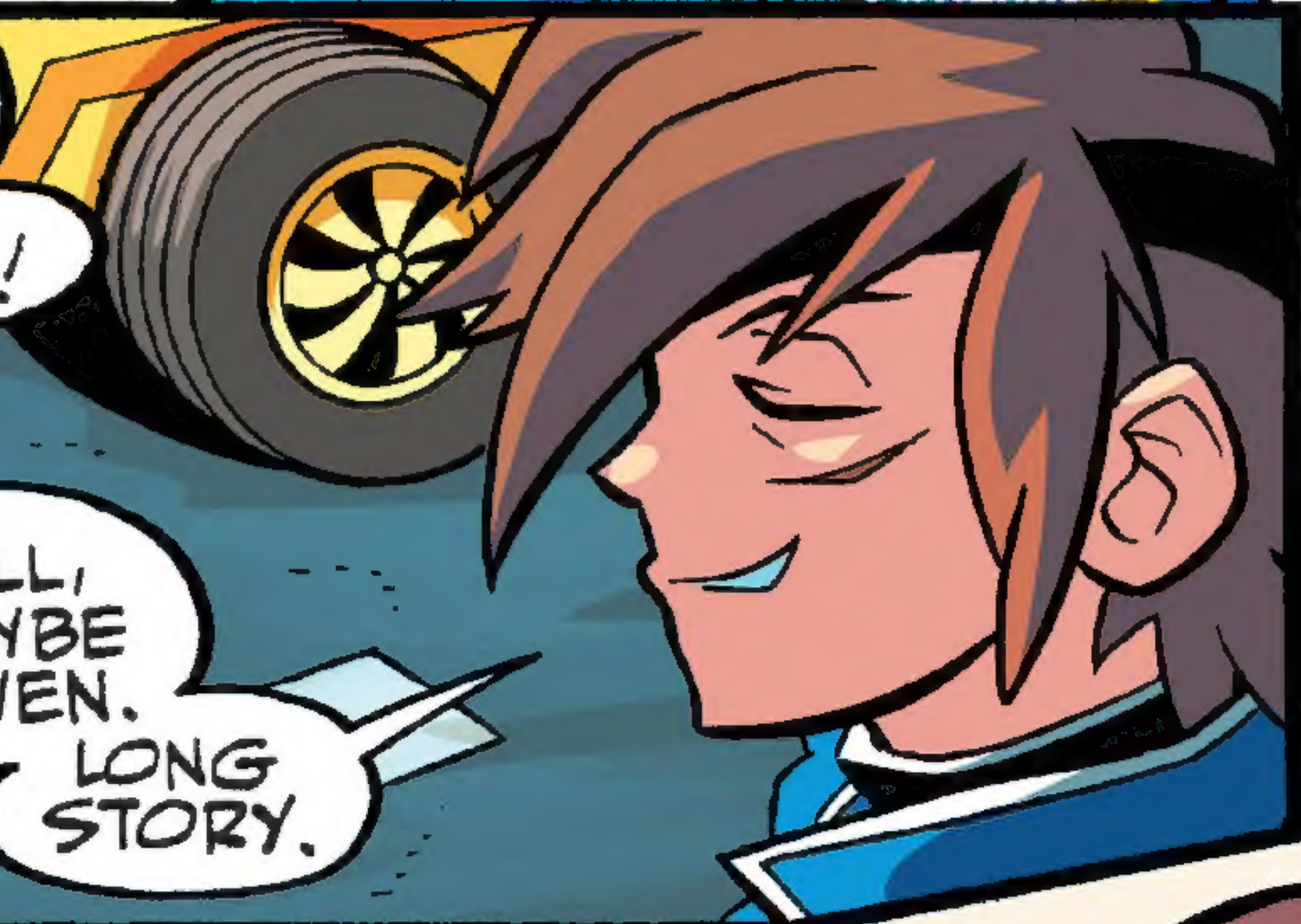
I CAN HANDLE  
MYSELF.



...AND THEN WE  
SETTLED ON CRESCENT  
ISLE. A GREAT PLACE  
TO GET SHIPWRECKED!  
HAHA!

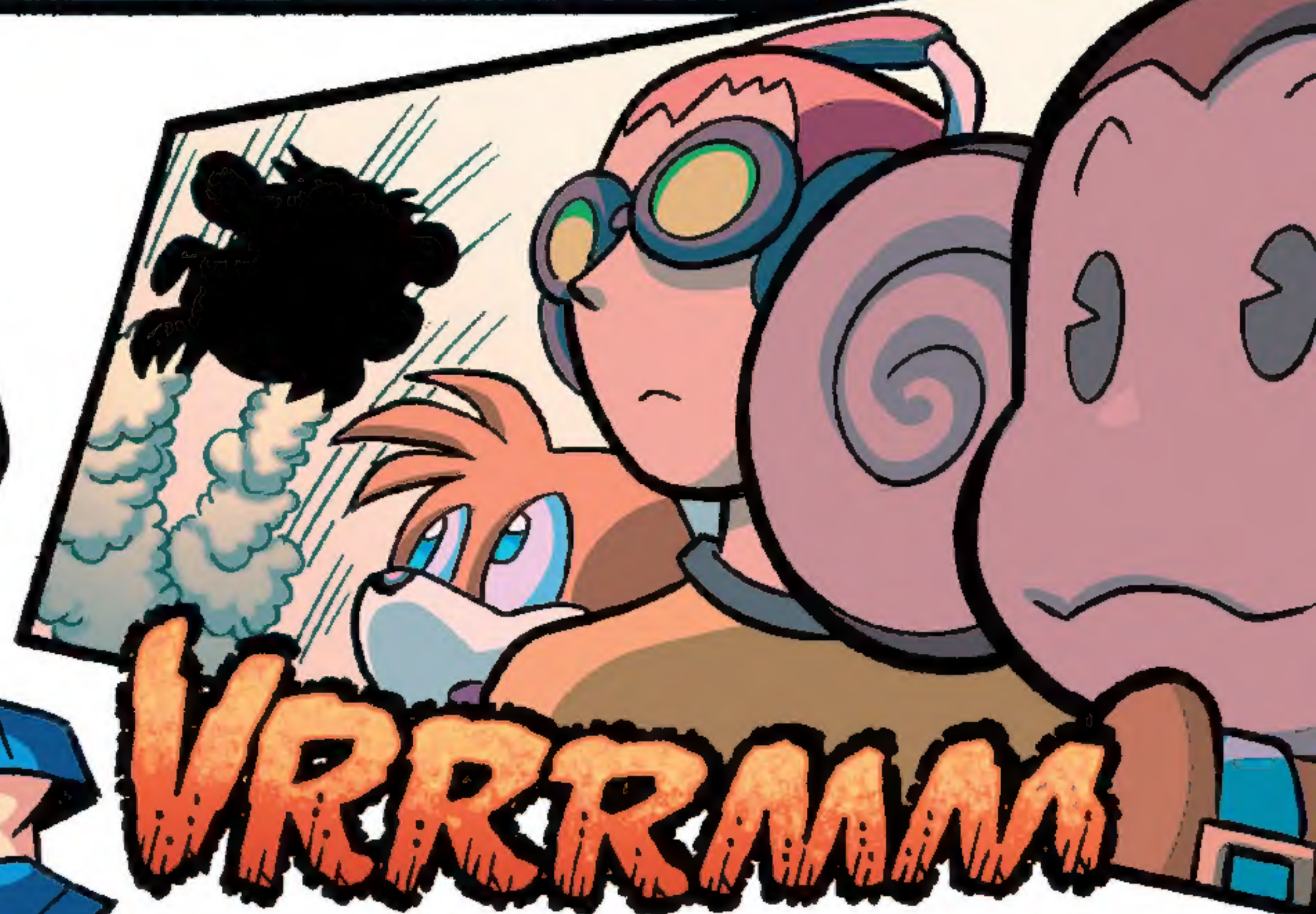
HAHA! YOUR  
WORLD SOUNDS  
AMAZING! SIX  
MOONS AND NO-  
THING BUT FLOA-  
TING ISLANDS!

WELL,  
MAYBE  
SEVEN.  
LONG  
STORY.



AFTER THE RACES,  
I'D LOVE TO TAKE A  
RIDE ON ONE OF  
YOUR AIRSHIPS!

WE'D BE HAPPY  
TO HAVE YOU  
ABOARD!



VRRRRMM

**VRRMM**

**WHAM**

WHA-HA-HA-HA!!

OUT OF MY WAY, YOU FOOLS! I, THE BRILLIANT SCIENTIST DR. EGGMAN, DO DECLARE MY ENTRY INTO THE GRAN PRIX!!

WHO'S THIS JERK?

HE WAS HERE LAST YEAR. HE'S SOME KIND OF MAD SCIENTIST WHO BUILDS ROBOTS AND WANTS TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD.

GUY WOULD FIT RIGHT IN WITH THE NOISE TANKS.

HE'S JUST AS BAD AS DR. BAD-BOON! EEK-EEK!

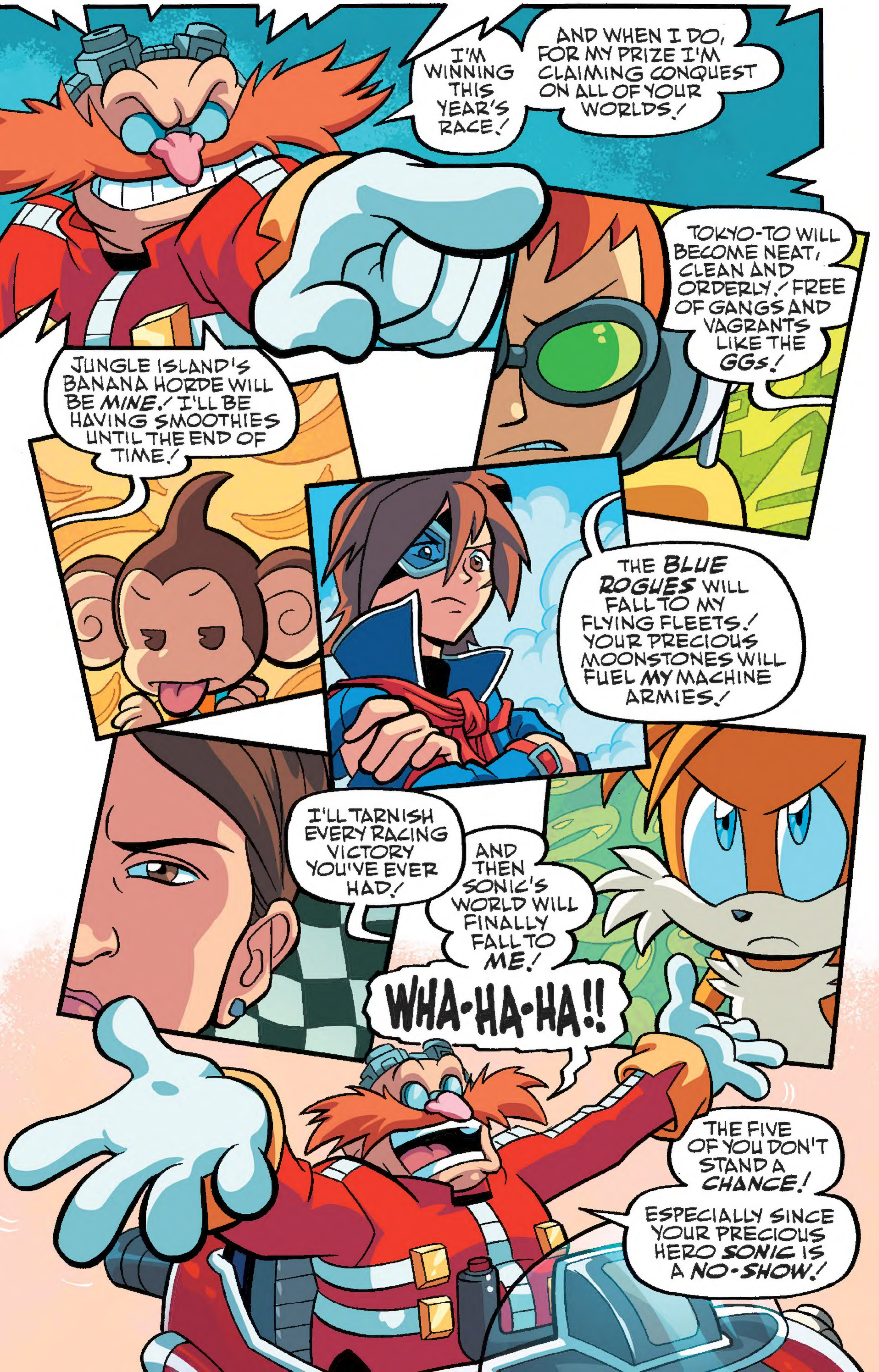
I WAS GOING TO SAY, HE SOUNDS LIKE DELOCO.

REMINDS ME OF SOME OF THE FOLKS I HAD TO DEAL WITH...

TAKE IT EASY, YOU GUYS...

THE INVITATION FOR THIS YEAR'S RACE WENT OUT TO EVERYONE WHO COMPETED LAST YEAR. WE HAD TO INCLUDE EVERYONE TO BE FAIR.

MYE-HEH-HEH! YES!



I'M WINNING THIS YEAR'S RACE!

AND WHEN I DO, FOR MY PRIZE I'M CLAIMING CONQUEST ON ALL OF YOUR WORLDS!

TOKYO-TO WILL BECOME NEAT, CLEAN AND ORDERLY. FREE OF GANGS AND VAGRANTS LIKE THE GGS!

JUNGLE ISLAND'S BANANA HORDE WILL BE MINE. I'LL BE HAVING SMOOTHIES UNTIL THE END OF TIME!

THE BLUE ROGUES WILL FALL TO MY FLYING FLEETS! YOUR PRECIOUS MOONSTONES WILL FUEL MY MACHINE ARMIES!

I'LL TARNISH EVERY RACING VICTORY YOU'VE EVER HAD!

AND THEN SONIC'S WORLD WILL FINALLY FALL TO ME!

WHA-HA-HA!!

THE FIVE OF YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE!

ESPECIALLY SINCE YOUR PRECIOUS HERO SONIC IS A NO-SHOW!



BONK

GYEEP!

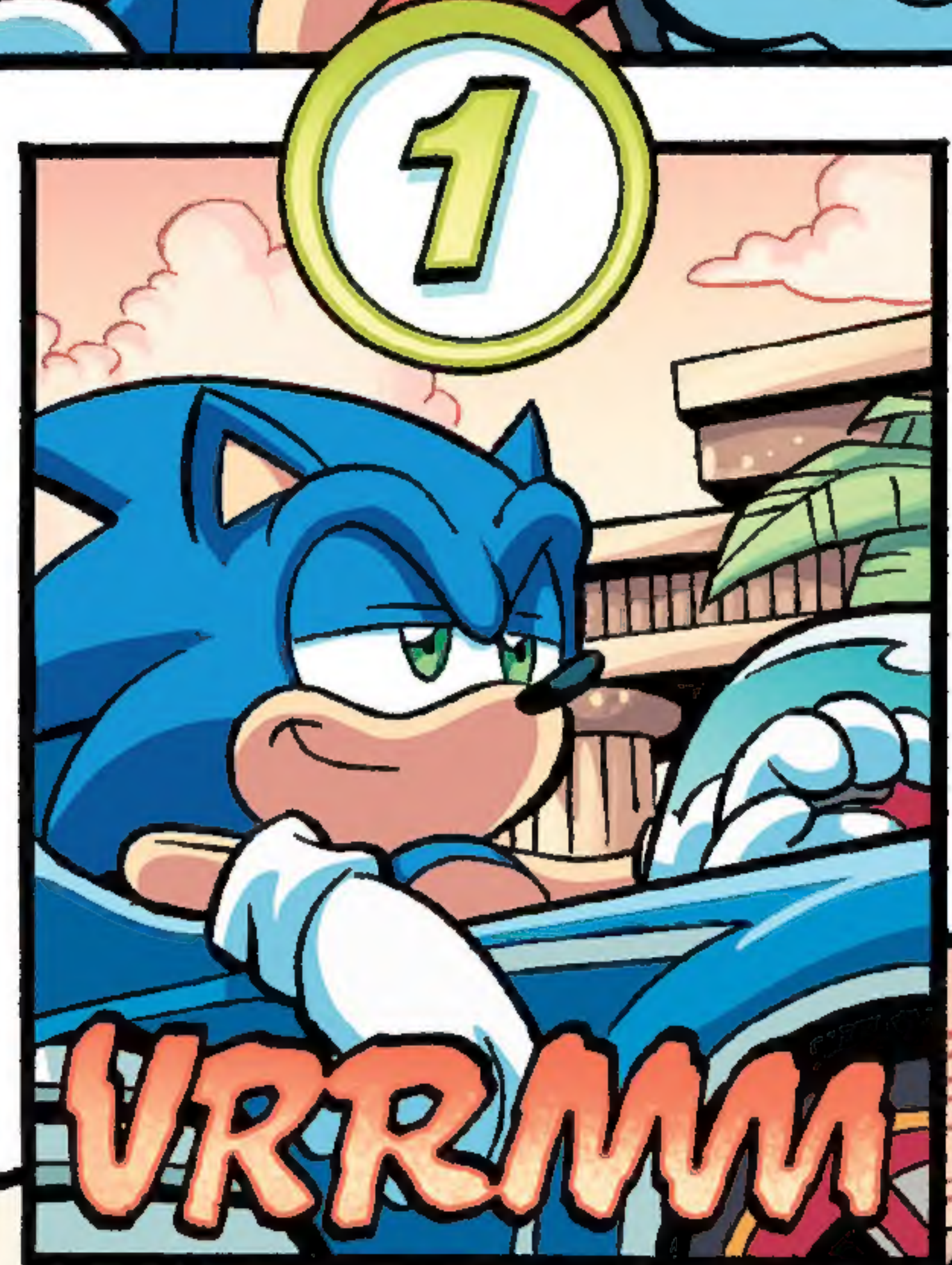
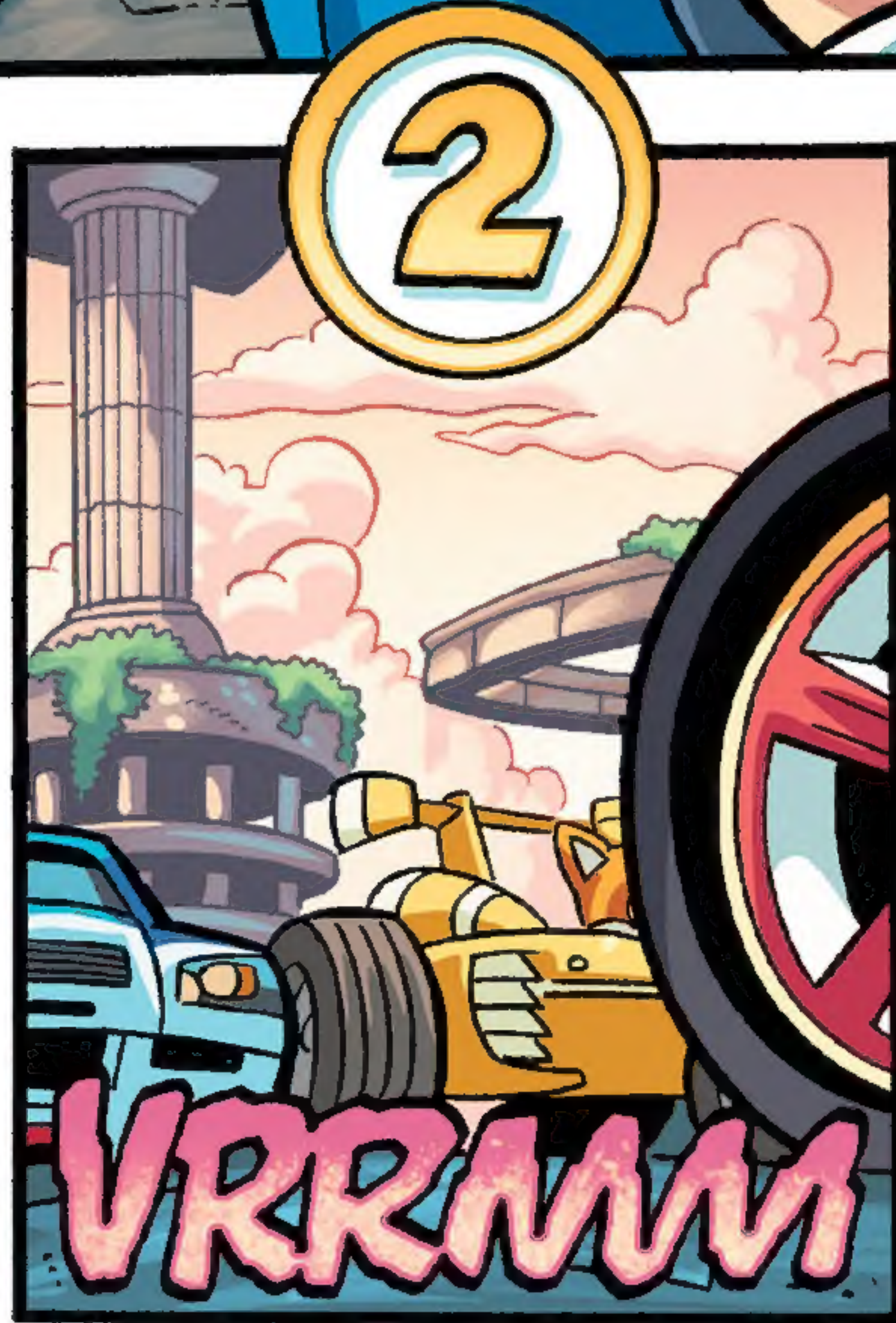
SORRY I'M FASHIONABLY LATE, GUYS. I COULDN'T DECIDE IF I WANTED TO DO THIS ONE ON FOOT OR DRIVE.

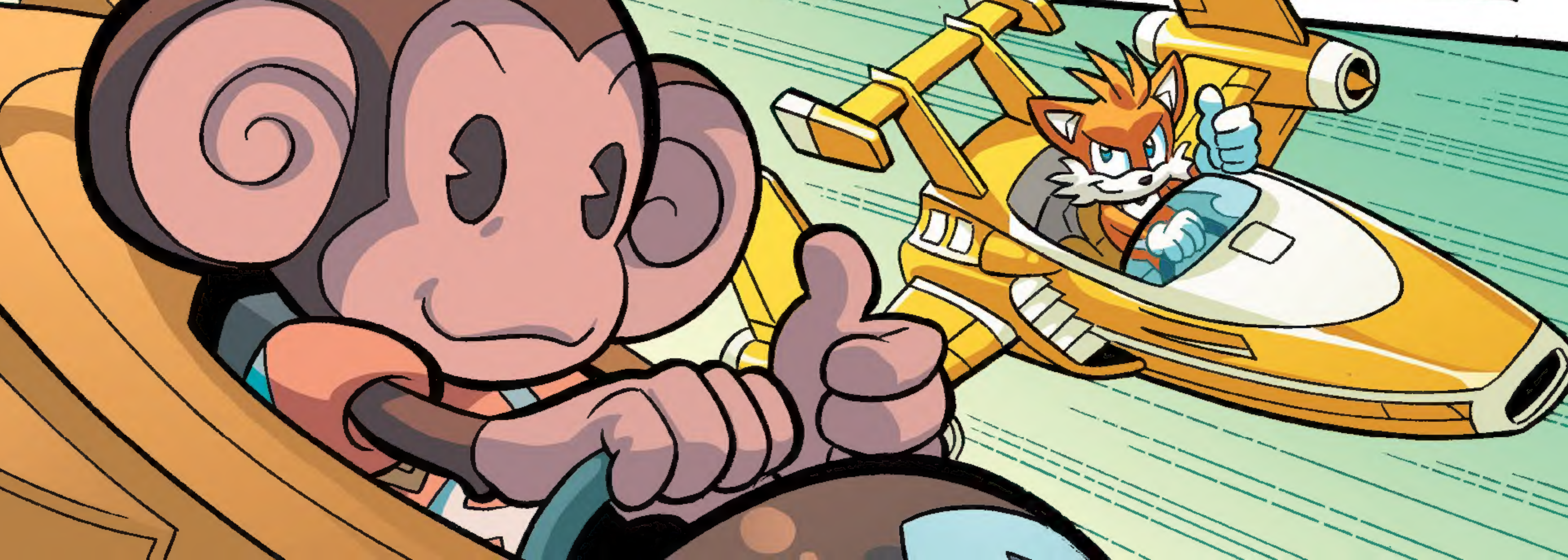
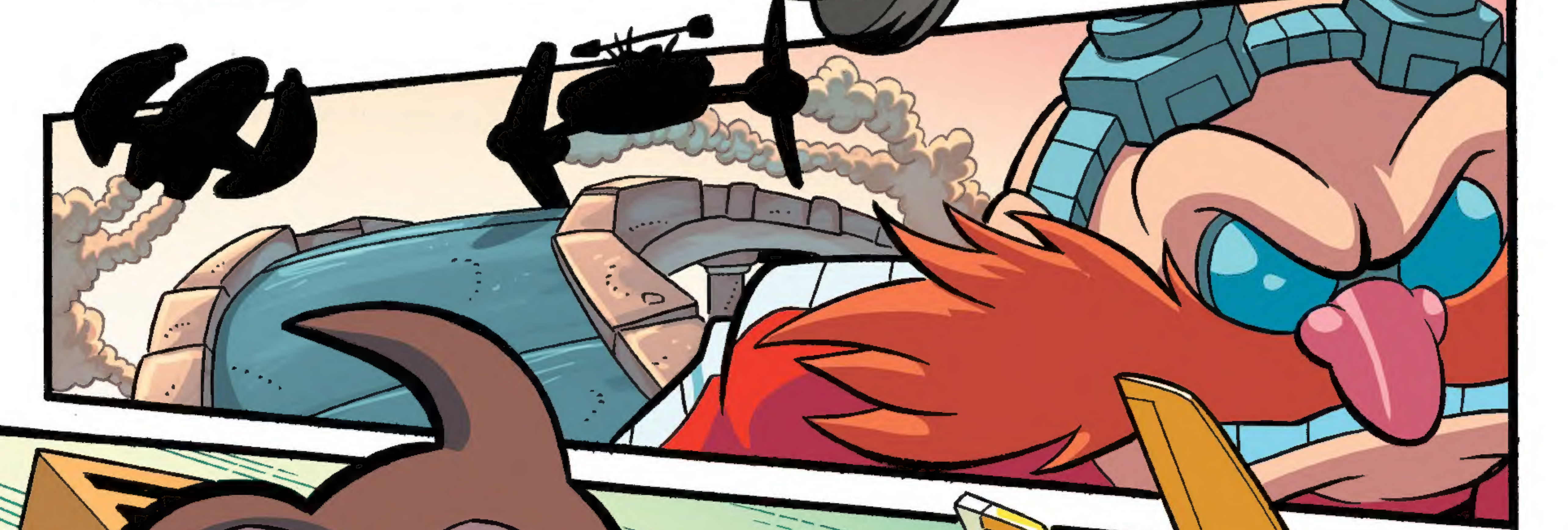
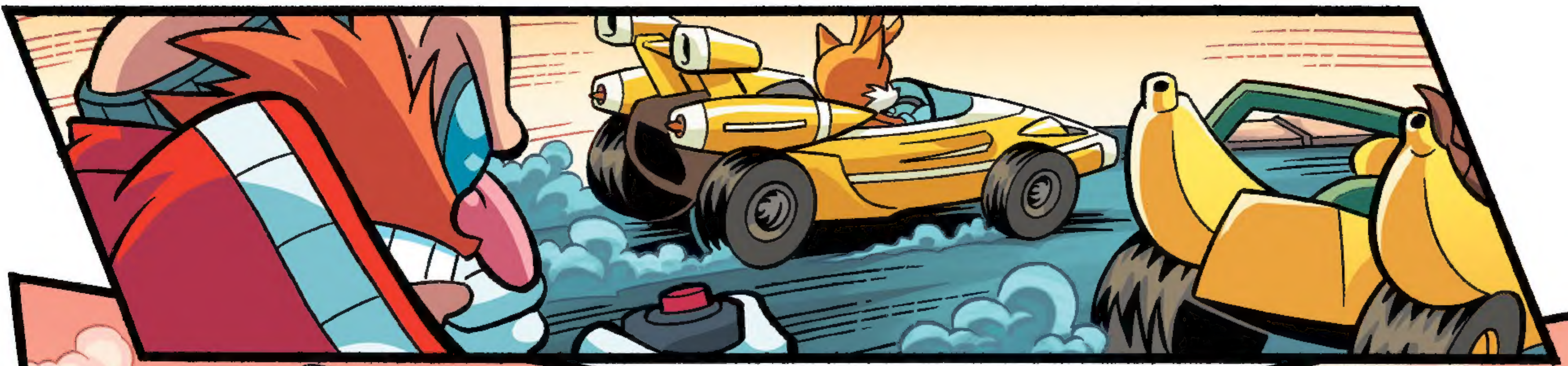
SONIC!

DR. EGGMAN SAYS HE'S GOING TO CONQUER EVERYONE'S WORLD AFTER HE WINS THE RACE!

RRRRRR









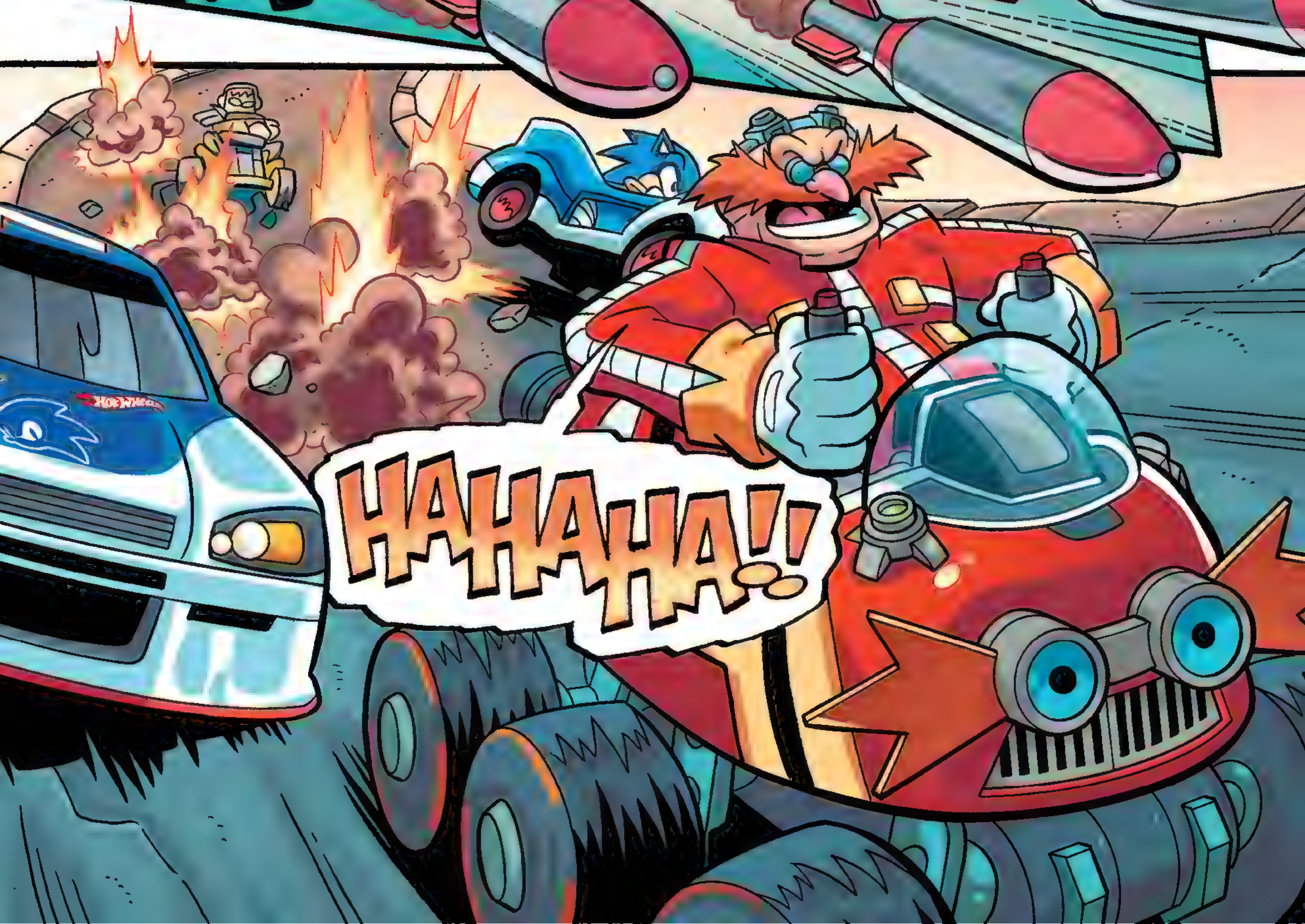
YOU HEAR ANYTHING, BEAT?

JUST THE DOWNBEAT TO VICTORY!

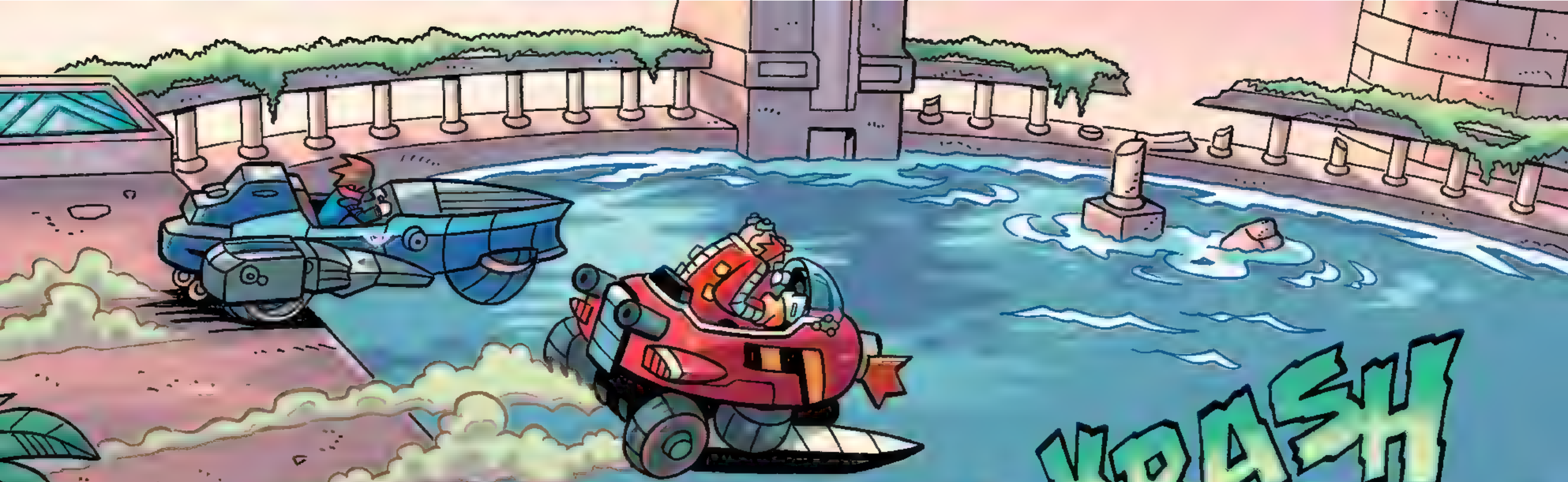
I LIKE YOUR STYLE!



Tsk-Tsk! SUCH DIS-COURTEOUS DRIVERS.



HAHAHA!!



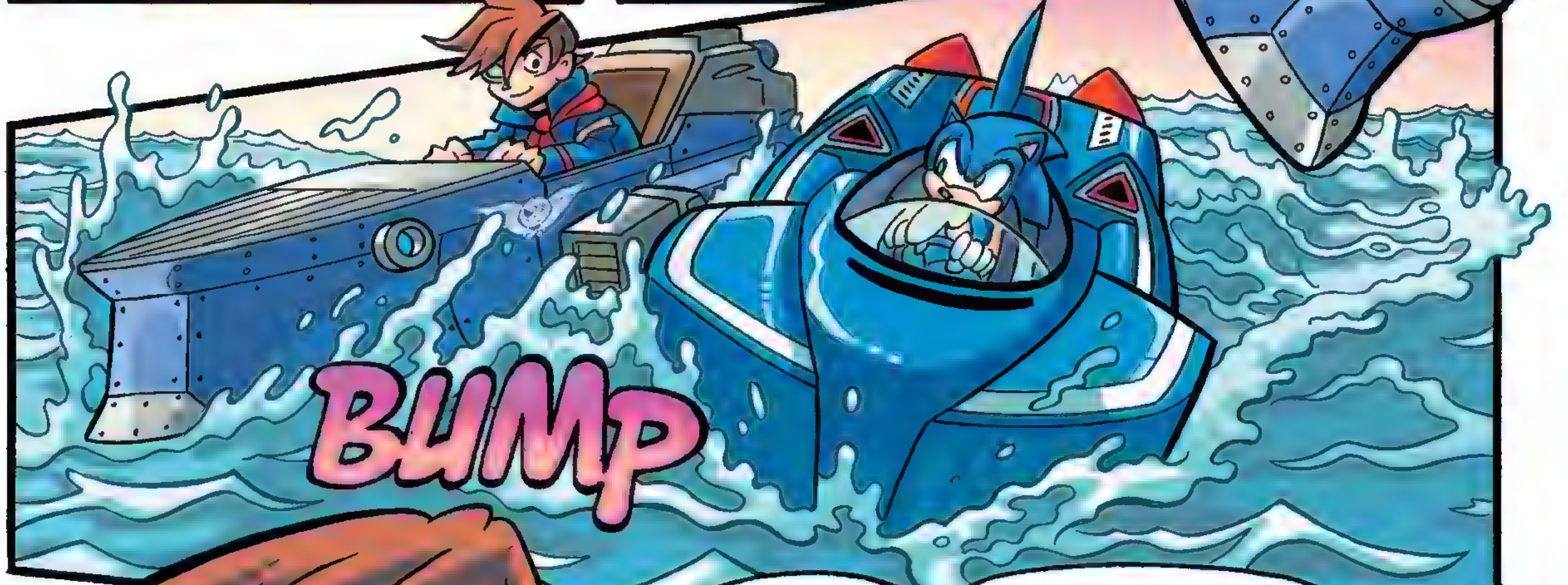
**KRASH**



TOO BAD YOU WEREN'T IN THE RACE LAST YEAR...



...YOU WOULD'VE KNOWN TO STAY OUT OF MY WAY!!  
**HAAAAHA!**



**BUMP**



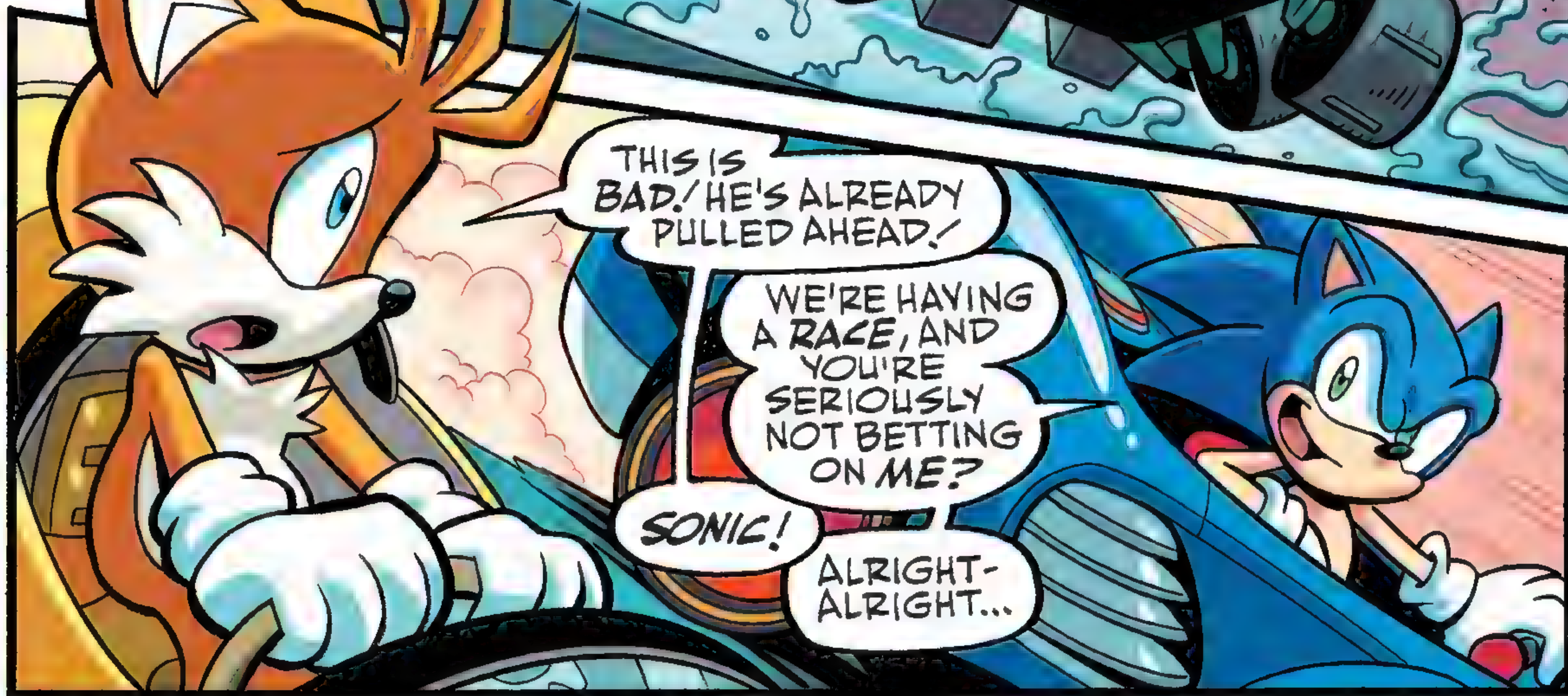
HELPING OUT PEOPLE IN THEIR TIME OF NEED -- YOU'D MAKE A GREAT BLUE ROGUE!

I'VE ALREADY GOT THE COLOR DOWN, DON'T I?





**WOO!**  
VICTORY  
IS AS GOOD  
AS MINE!

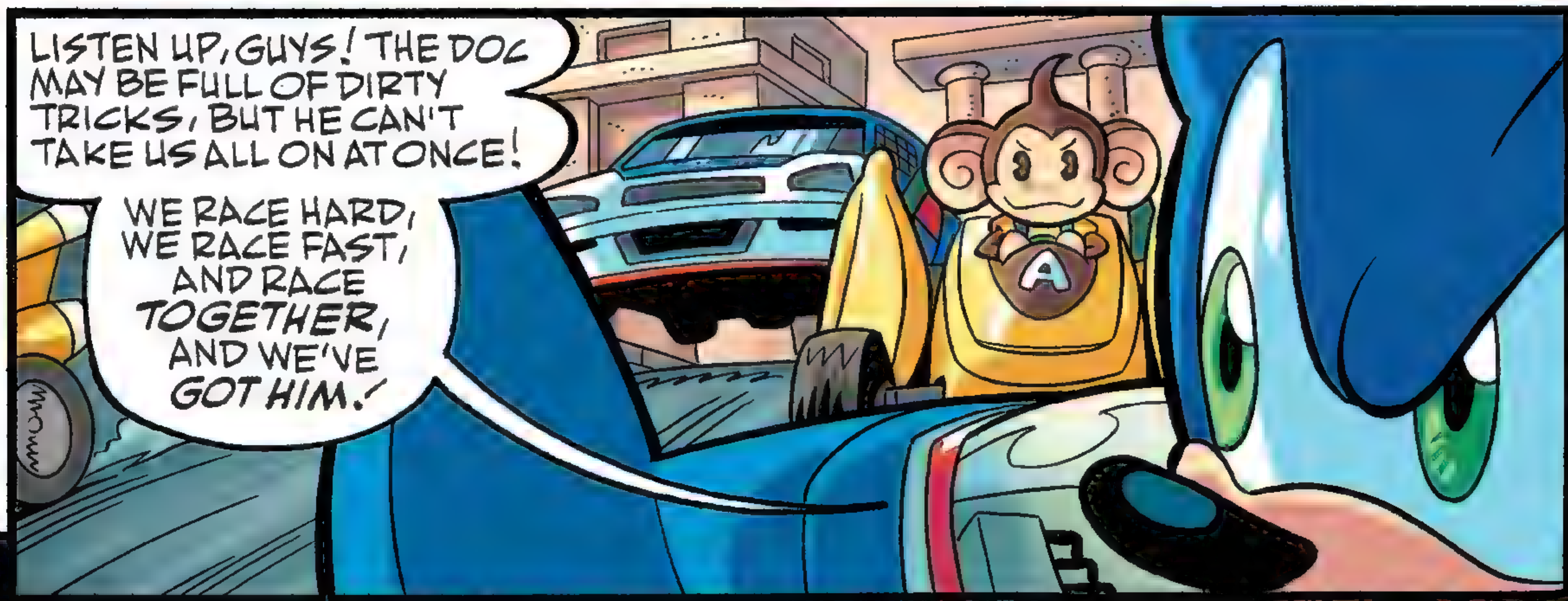


THIS IS  
BAD! HE'S ALREADY  
PULLED AHEAD!

WE'RE HAVING  
A RACE, AND  
YOU'RE  
SERIOUSLY  
NOT BETTING  
ON ME?

**SONIC!**

ALRIGHT-  
ALRIGHT...



LISTEN UP, GUYS! THE DOG  
MAY BE FULL OF DIRTY  
TRICKS, BUT HE CAN'T  
TAKE US ALL ON AT ONCE!

WE RACE HARD,  
WE RACE FAST,  
AND RACE  
TOGETHER,  
AND WE'VE  
GOT HIM!



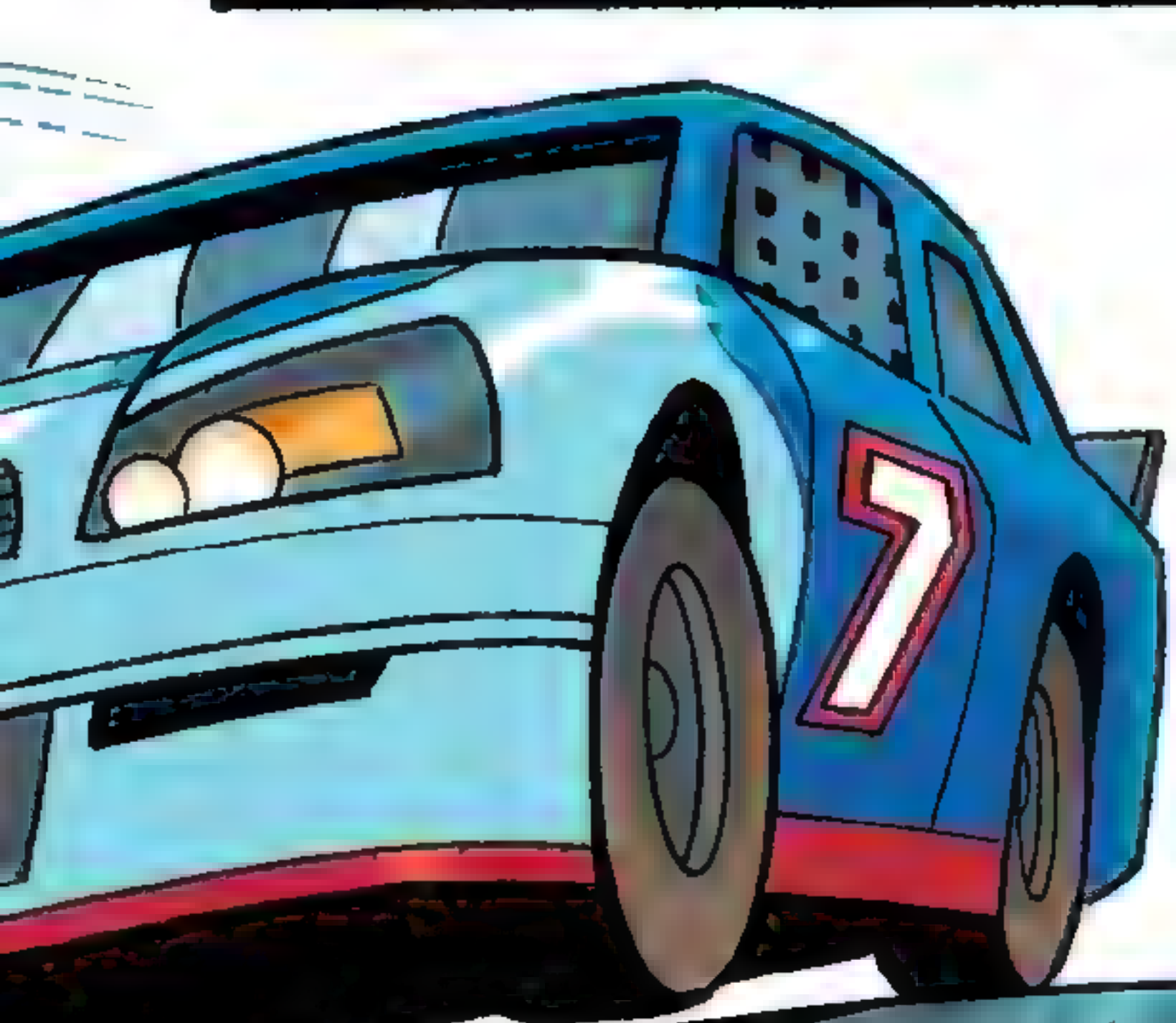
NOW--  
**STEP  
ON IT!!**



WATCH WHERE YOU'RE DRIVING, YOU--!



AHH!  
MY PAINT  
JOB!!





KIDS TODAY!  
DRIVING AROUND,  
TAGGING  
OTHER  
PEOPLE'S  
PROPERTY...



I GET WHY  
THEY CALL  
YOU  
"RUDIES"  
NOW! THAT  
WAS RUDE!



SEE YOU AT  
THE FINISH  
LINE, DOG!

YES, FINE,  
WHATEVER,  
SHUT  
UP!



WAIT A  
MINUTE...

I HATE THAT  
RUDIE!

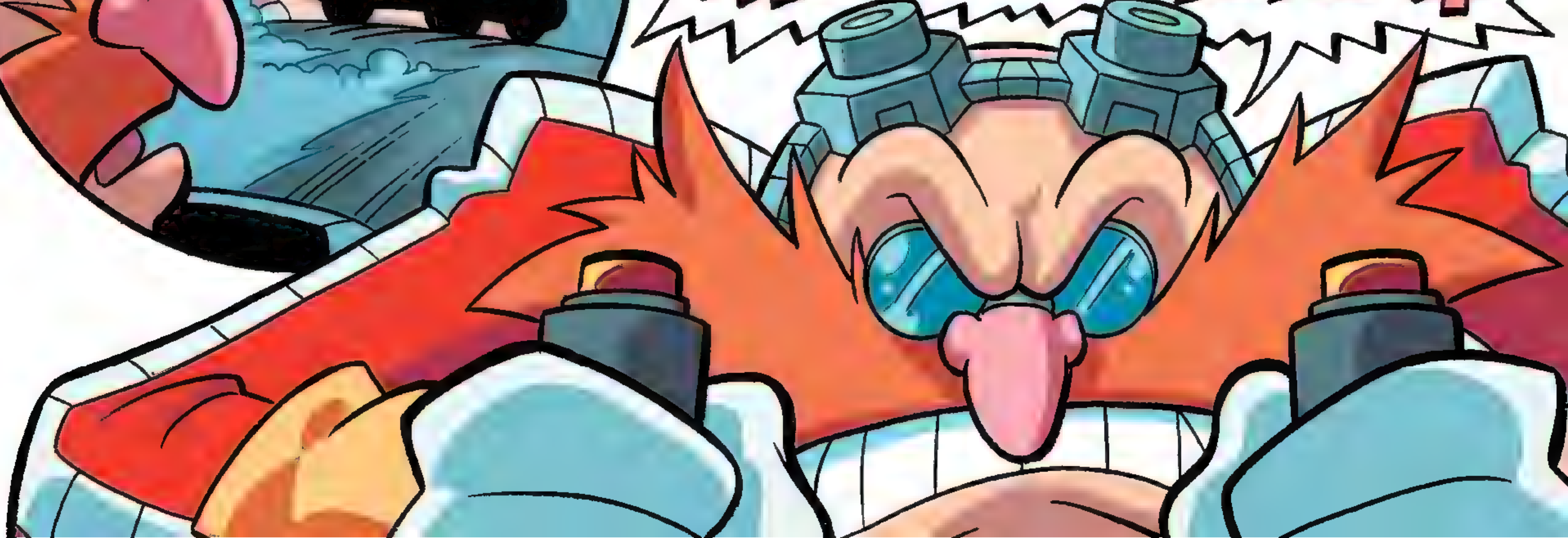
AND THAT  
FOX!

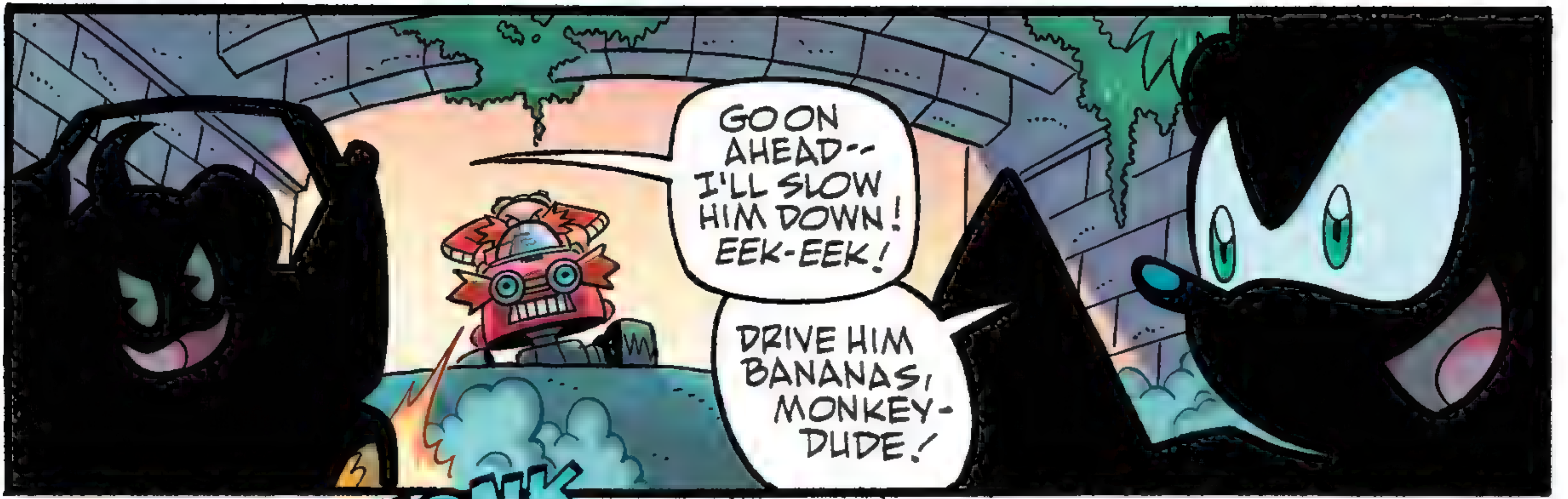
AND THAT  
MONKEY!

AND THAT  
SKY-PIRATE!

AND THAT  
PRO-  
RACER!

AND MOST OF ALL--  
**THAT HEDGEHOG!**





GO ON AHEAD-- I'LL SLOW HIM DOWN! EEK-EEK!

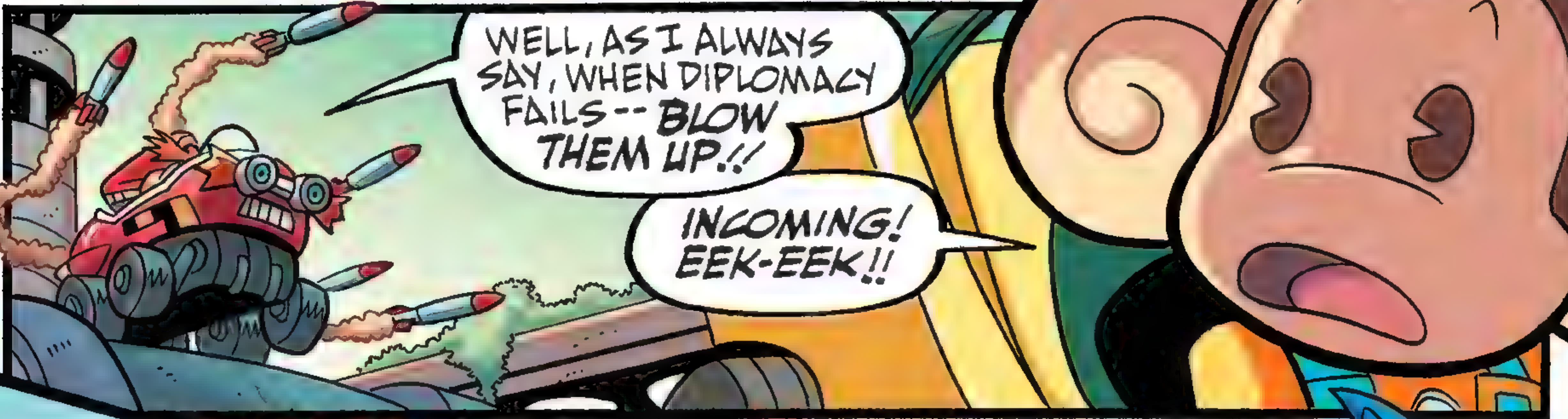
DRIVE HIM BANANAS, MONKEY-DUDE!



HONK HONK

OUTTA THE WAY!

FORGET IT! OOK- OOK!!



WELL, AS I ALWAYS SAY, WHEN DIPLOMACY FAILS-- BLOW THEM UP!!

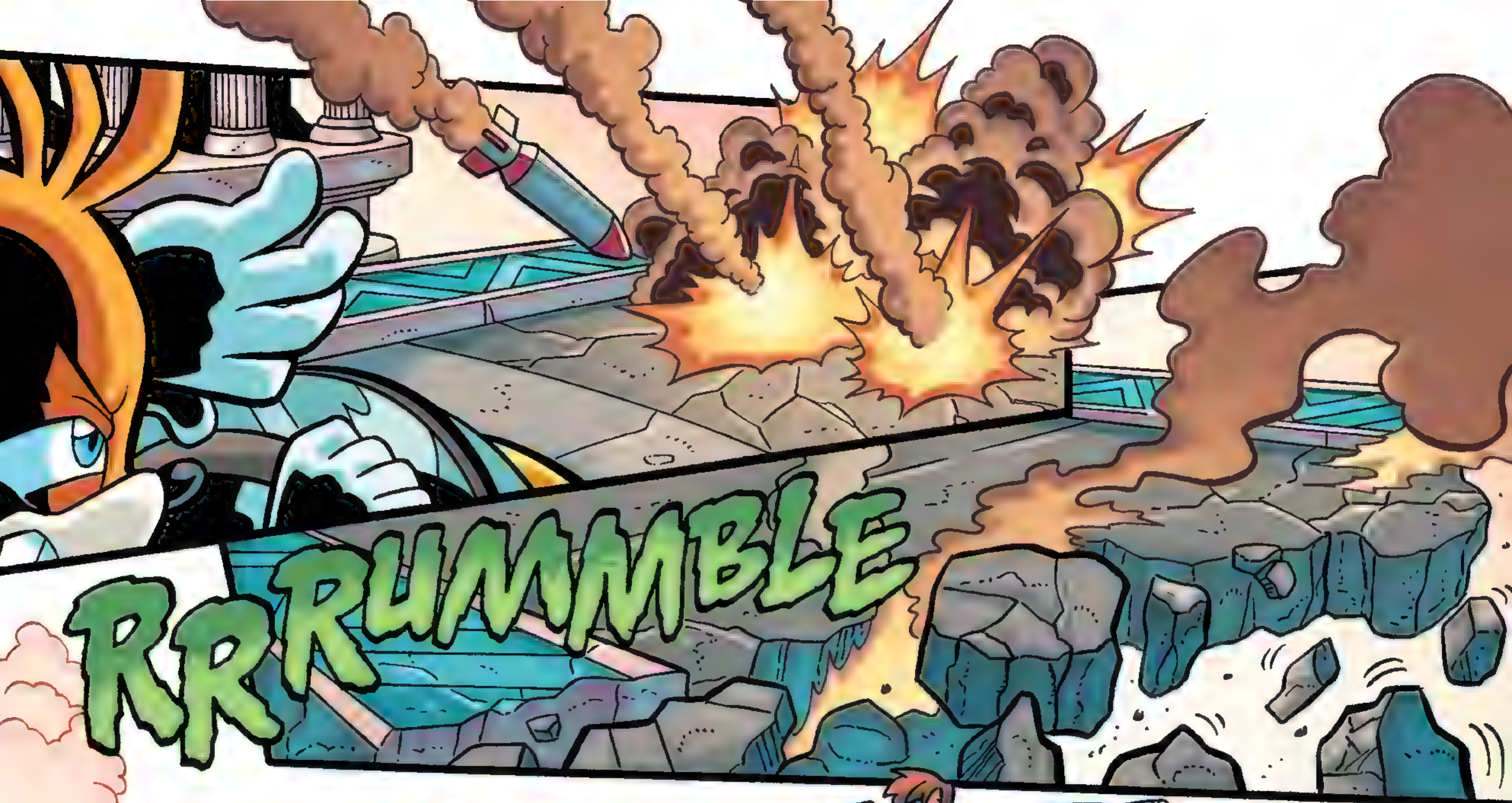
INCOMING! EEK-EEK!!



YO, VYSE! TIME TO GO ON THE DEFENSIVE!







RRRUMMMBLE



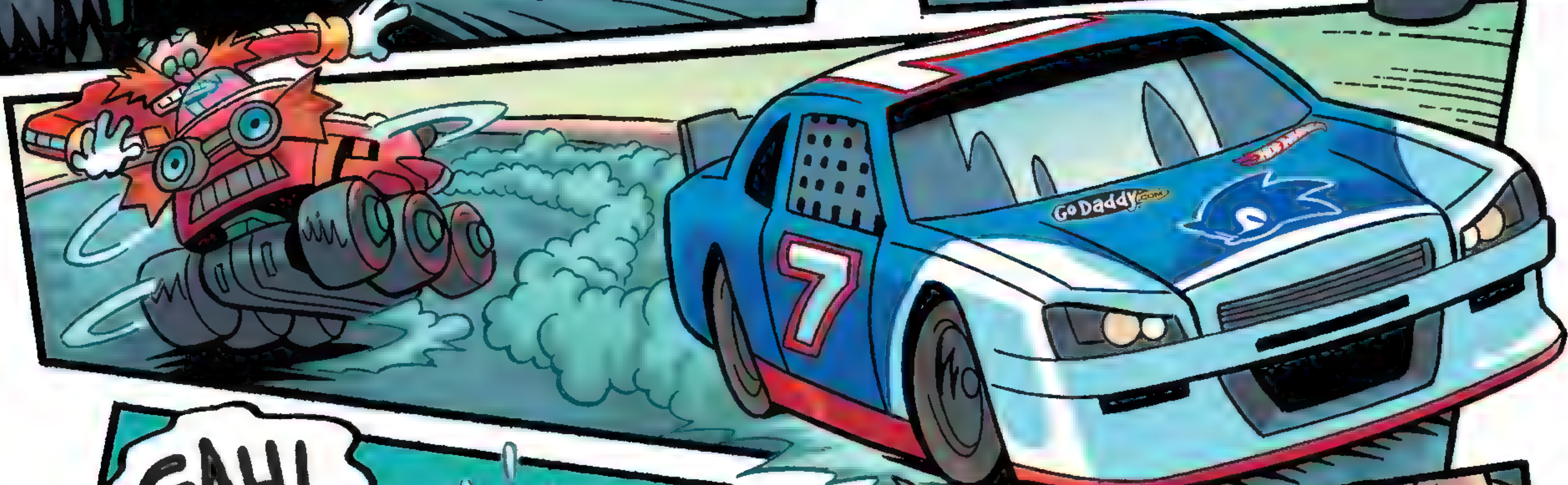


SORRY,  
SONIC!  
YOU'RE  
TOO  
SLOW!

OH, NO HE  
DIDN'T...

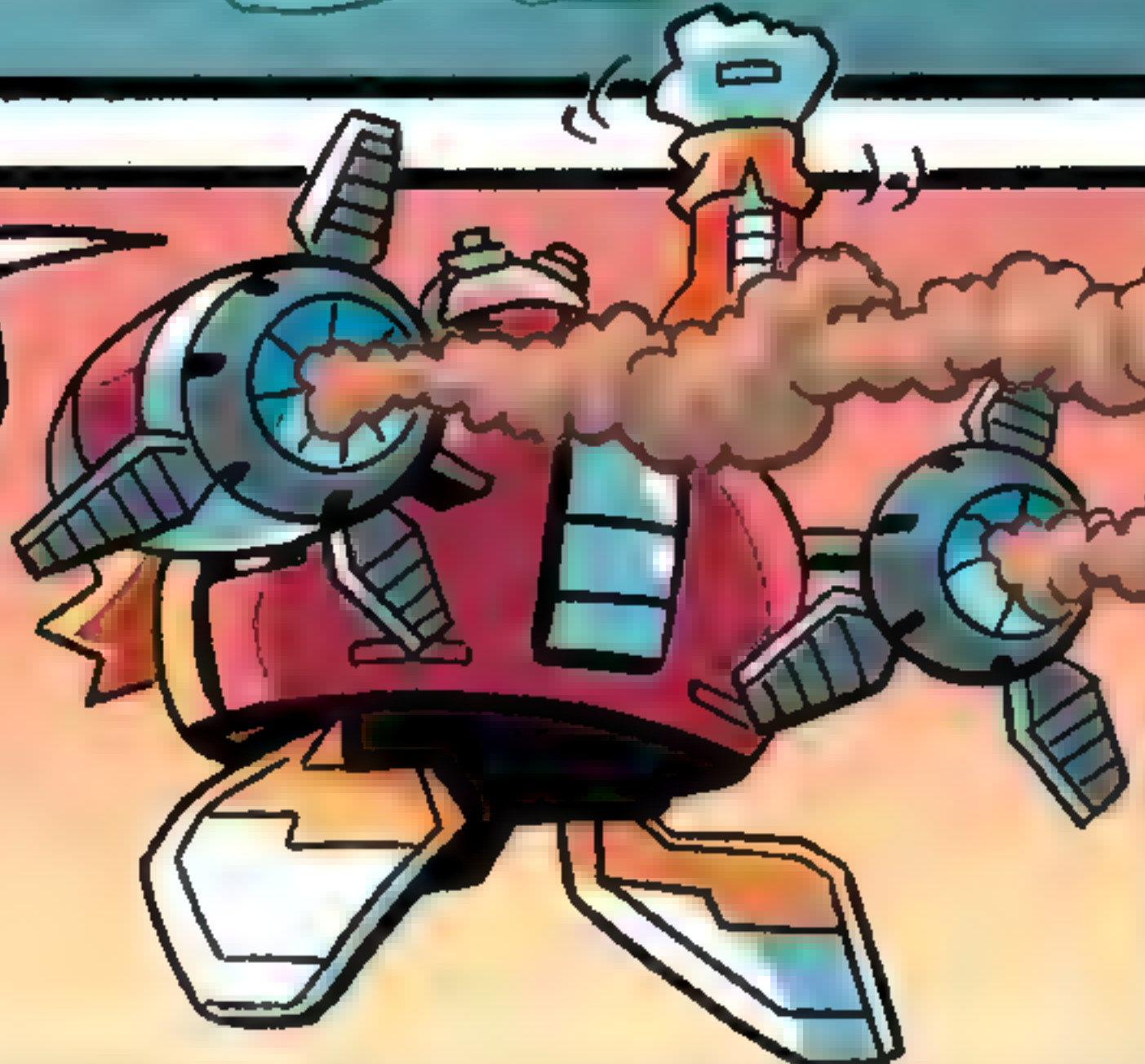
YOU WERE  
SAYING?

EGAD!





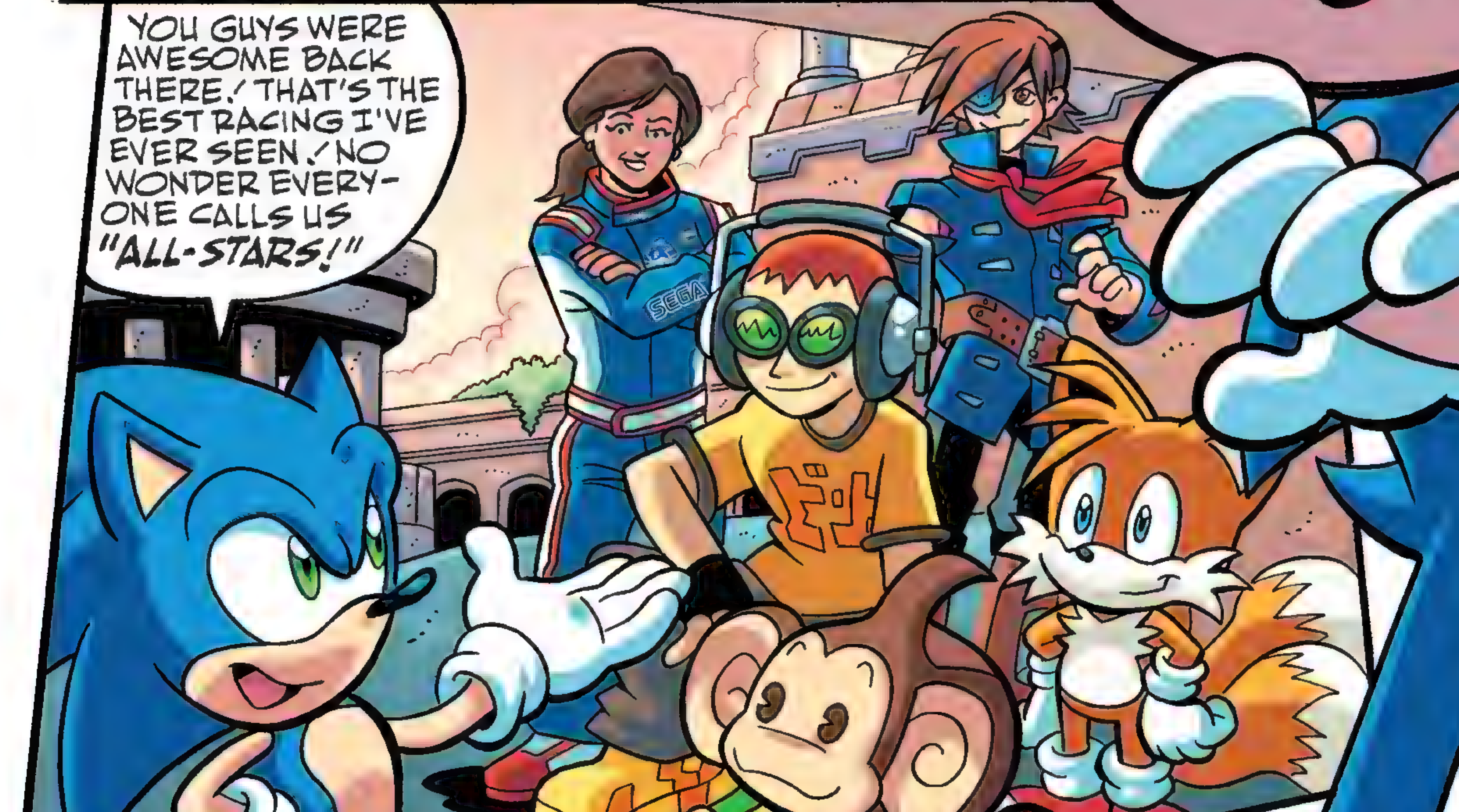
THIS ISN'T OVER!



I NEVER GET TIRED OF THAT!



YOU GUYS WERE AWESOME BACK THERE. THAT'S THE BEST RACING I'VE EVER SEEN. NO WONDER EVERYONE CALLS US "ALL-STARS!!"



YEAH!!



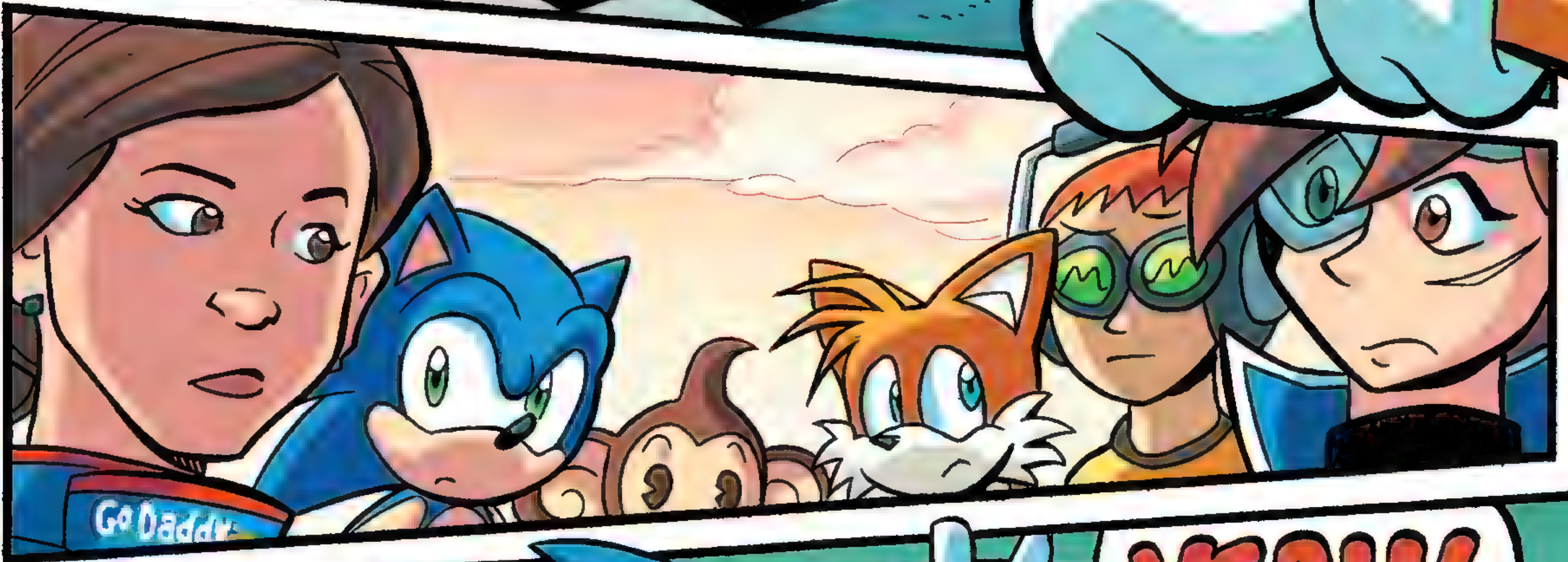


THERE'S JUST ONE PROBLEM...

WHAT'S THAT?



...WE CROSSED THE FINISH LINE!  
WAS ANYONE WATCHING TO SEE WHO CROSSED FIRST?



WELL, THEN-- I GUESS IT JUST MEANS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO RACE MORE!

FOLLOW ME! I KNOW OF ANOTHER SWEET TRACK!

YEAH!

AND THE RACE GOES ON!



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JOIN US NEXT TIME AS THE CHAOTIX GO ON THE SEARCH FOR MIGHTY AND RAY. UNTIL THEN, ENJOY SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, THE SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE, AND THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!



# the SONIC SPIN

*it's the hundred word editorial commentary dash!*

## Gotta go faster, faster, FASTER! FASTER! FASTER!

There you have it, the intro to Sega's newest hit game SONIC & ALL STARS RACING TRANSFORMED! Wanna send a big shout out to Aaron and Cindy at Sega for all the help on this great issue! Make sure you all race to your local video game retailer this November and pick up this sweet new game or run the risk of getting left in the dust! I know what I'll be doing that weekend - sure hope no books are due the following Monday!

NEAR FINAL COVER PENCILS FOR SU #44 BY TRACY YARDLEY!



Next issue we kick off our next complete Sonic Universe story arc, CHAOTIX QUEST, which follows Vector, Espio and Charmy as they go searching for their missing comrades Mighty & Ray! It's the story Sonic fans have been demanding since the chaotic duo embarked on their adventure back in Sonic the Hedgehog #212! [missed STH #212? Check it out on the Sonic comic app available now! plugplugplug]

**SEE YA NEXT MONTH!**

**- Paul**



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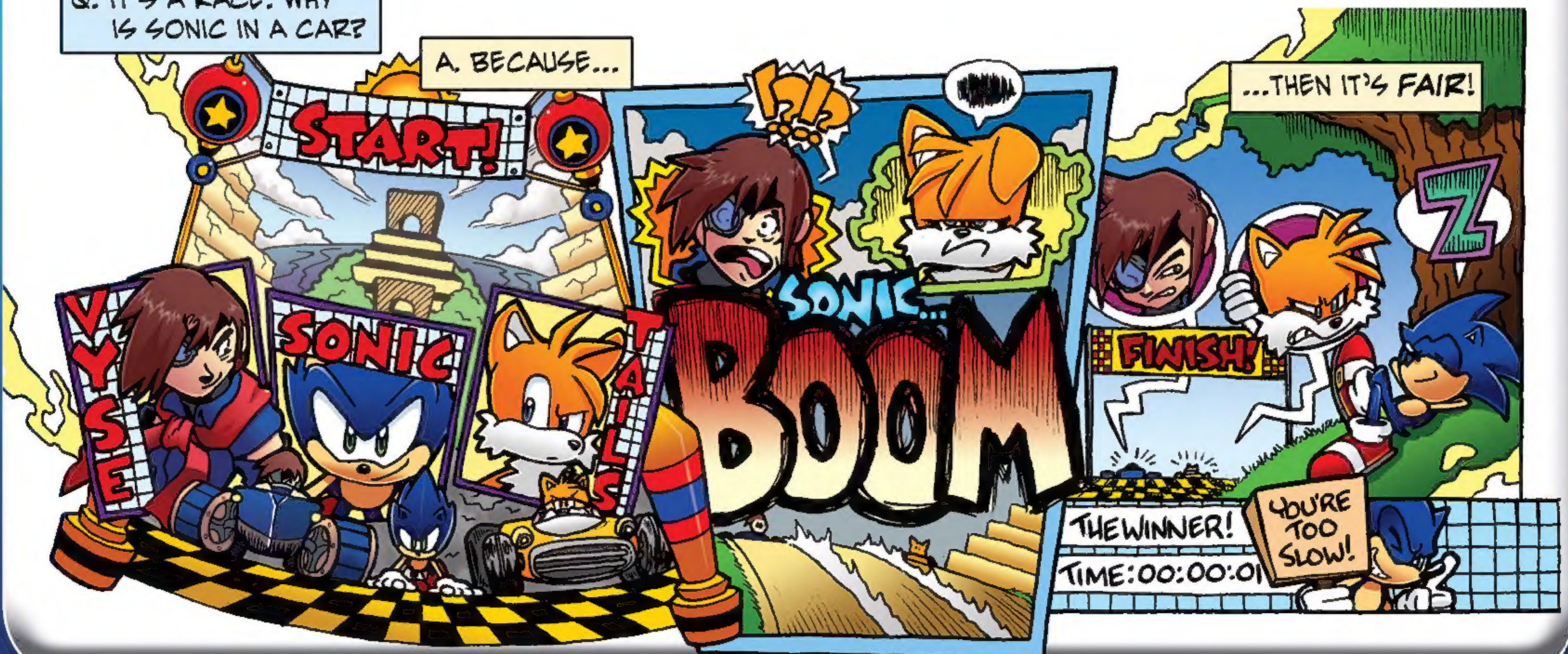
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Q. IT'S A RACE. WHY IS SONIC IN A CAR?

A. BECAUSE...



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**THE SEARCH IS ON!**  
WHEN THERE'S SOMETHING  
STRANGE IN MERCIA, WHO  
YOU GONNA CALL? TEAM  
CHAOTIX OF COURSE! JOIN  
THE JOURNEY IN...

**"ALL FOR ONE  
PART 1 of 4"**

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 11/27/12!

**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG: 242**



**GO TEAM SONIC!**

SONIC TAKES ON EGGMAN'S  
MISCHIEF IN THIS SPECIAL SEGA  
TIE-IN ISSUE-- PLUS THE LEAD  
IN STORY TO THE EPIC SAGA,  
"ENDANGERED SPECIES"

**"OLYMPIC TRIALS"**  
ON SALE THE WEEK OF 11/6/12

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'  
Just wanted to comment a bit on Sonic Universe, and to sum it up in two words: it's awesome.

**It most certainly is!**  
I'll start with "Secret Freedom." Love the story, love the action, and love Silver (he's got to be my favorite!).

**Silver is a pretty cool dude. He's got super awesome psychokinetic powers, fashionable boots, and the craziest hair style ever!**

Second would be from what I hear about (deep breath) Sonic and Sega All Stars Racing: Transformed. Could you guys thank Sega for having you guys do a story adaption? Thanks.

**Your thanks will be sent at supersonic speed!**

The fact that Danica Patrick is in it is all the more cooler. I'm both a Sonic and automotive enthusiast, and this is a wonderful fusion! I'd love to hear you guys, and keep on juicin!

**Darren L.  
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com**

**Thanks, Darren! We hope you enjoyed**

**the racing story as much as we did making it!**

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'  
I just finished reading issue 44. First of all, the ending sent chills down my spine, so kudos to you guys!

**Your kudos is much appreciated! Naugus just keeps getting creepier and creepier.**

Second, I can't believe it looks like Sally is the traitor! Can you guys give me a sneak peek into the future? Even the smallest of hints? The suspense is killing me! I'm nearly as impatient as Sonic himself!

**Your excited and most restless fan  
Andrew K. sent to  
sonic@archiecomics.com**

**Thanks for writing in, Andrew! It looks that way doesn't it? But looks can be deceiving! You'll just have to read on to find out!**

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'  
My name's Aaron, and I'm a huge fan of the comics. I have been since I was young, and I've collected them since. But, in recent years, I haven't gotten many of the comics and I regret it. But, since the Archives and the Sonic Super Specials came out, I've been all

caught up.

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I gotta say the stories are flawless and the art is amazing. Gotta love Tracy Yardley! and Ben Bates. And now for questions. :D

**Fire away!**

1) Will Mecha Sally ever be De-roboticized?

**Only time can tell... or Ian. Whichever comes first.**

2) What was going through Jonathan Gray's mind when he drew the Human-mutated Ixis Naugus in the Off-Panel of the third part of the Secret Freedom of SU? It's hilarious!

**All of the things were going through his mind. That, or Jon Gray is just plain crazy! :)**

Well, I'm out of questions, unfortunately. You guys are awesome and KEEP ON JUICIN'!

**HUGE FAN,  
Aaron B. sent to  
sonic@archiecomics.com**

**Thanks, Aaron!**

**SEE Y'ALL NEXT MONTH!**

## IT'S YOUR SONIC UNIVERSE!

We want your input! Write & tell us what you're likin', lovin', or what's leaving you in the dust! Remember, include "My Sonic Universe" in the subject line on your letter or e-mail! It's your Sonic Universe, after all, so drop us a line!